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Mission

In cooperation with internal and external partners, enhance public protective actions and promote domestic preparedness through a comprehensive and effective emergency management program that will adequately mitigate against, prepare for, respond appropriately to and quickly recover from natural, technological and terrorist-related emergencies that may impact the residents of Fairfax County.

Focus

Under direction of the County Executive's Office, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provides emergency management services for Fairfax County including the Towns of Herndon and Vienna. The major areas of focus include emergency management planning and policy; the countywide emergency training and exercise program; public preparedness and education; and enhancement of response and recovery capabilities. OEM is committed to preparing for, responding to, recovering from and mitigating against new and challenging threats particularly terrorism, disasters and major emergencies. OEM coordinates emergency management activities with all Fairfax County agencies, as well as other local, state and federal agencies and private organizations.

OEM provides vision, direction and subject matter expertise in the field of emergency management in order to heighten the County's state of emergency readiness. In the event of an emergency, OEM activates and manages the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). When activated, the EOC becomes the command and control point for all County emergency management activities. Furthermore, the agency serves as the County's coordination point for federal disaster relief, recovery and mitigation programs. In addition, the agency acts as the liaison to county, regional, state, federal, volunteer and private partners in order to prepare for, effectively respond to and quickly recover from significant emergency events. These partnerships are enhanced through mutual aid and inter-local agreements.


The new Alternate Emergency Operations Center (AEOC) is scheduled for completion in summer 2004 and will replace the current Emergency Operations Center located at the Pine Ridge Facility. The AEOC will be equipped with the latest information management systems such as GIS, emergency management records and information software and audio/visual system.

OEM develops and maintains the County's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and provides emergency management planning for the entire county. The EOP guides strategic organizational behavior before, during and following a significant emergency. In addition, the agency coordinates emergency training, simulations and exercises necessary to prepare first responders to carry out their roles in the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

OEM also conducts public emergency management outreach programs as necessary to increase awareness in emergency preparedness and homeland security, including coordination with the Citizen Corps program partners. OEM manages recruitment, registration and identification of volunteer emergency workers as necessary to support emergency response and recovery efforts. Moreover, OEM and the Office of Public Affairs notify emergency responders, county employees, private partners and citizens in the event of a significant emergency that may affect public safety.

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New Initiatives and Recent Accomplishments in Support of the Fairfax County Vision

 Maintaining Safe and Caring Communities	Recent Success	FY 2005 Initiative	Cost Center
Successfully received and will continue to pursue grant funds to prepare for, respond to and recover from terrorism events, increase homeland security and manage other multi-hazard emergencies.	✓	✓	Emergency Management

Budget and Staff Resources

Agency Summary					
Category	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2004 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan	FY 2005 Adopted Budget Plan
Authorized Positions/Staff Years					
Regular	0/ 0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0/ 0	5/ 5
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$358,716
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	49,628
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$408,344

Position Summary		
1 Emergency Coordinator	1 Management Analyst III	2 Management Analysts II
1 Administrative Assistant III		
TOTAL POSITIONS		
5 Positions / 5.0 Staff Years		
5 Civilians		

¹ This is a new agency in FY 2005. Funding and positions from the Police Department's Emergency Management Division have been moved to the new Office of Emergency Management.

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Board of Supervisors' Adjustments

The following funding adjustments reflect all changes to the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 26, 2004:

- ◆ **Creation of the Office of Emergency Management** **\$408,344**
 A transfer of \$408,344 and 5/5.0 SYE positions from the Emergency Management Division within the Police Department to a separate agency is necessary to create the free-standing Office of Emergency Management. Of this amount, \$358,716 is for Personnel Services and \$49,628 is for Operating Expenses. The agency will be under the supervision of the County Executive's Office and will be responsible for the County's emergency planning and preparedness activities. This reorganization is effective July 1, 2004.

Key Performance Measures

Goal

To enhance public protective actions and promote domestic preparedness through a comprehensive and effective emergency management program that will adequately mitigate against, prepare for, respond appropriately to and quickly recover from natural, technological and terrorist related emergencies that may impact the residents of Fairfax County.

Objectives

- ◆ To increase the percentage of the 28 County and volunteer agencies identified in the County's Emergency Operations Plan that received training as a result of participation in tabletop and functional exercises/drills from 50 percent to 75 percent toward a target of 100 percent.

Indicator	Prior Year Actuals			Current Estimate	Future Estimate
	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Estimate/Actual	FY 2004	FY 2005
Output:					
Tabletop exercises conducted	NA	NA	NA / 5	5	10
Functional exercises/drills conducted	NA	NA	NA / 1	1	2
Community outreach preparedness presentations/programs conducted	NA	NA	NA / 24	12	12
Efficiency:					
Staff hours per community outreach presentation/program	NA	NA	NA / 2	2	2
Service Quality:					
Percent of county and volunteer agencies satisfied with training received	NA	NA	NA / 90%	90%	92%
Outcome:					
Percent of county and volunteer agencies identified in EOP that received training	NA	NA	36% / 46%	50%	75%

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Performance Measurement Results

(Note: The Office of Emergency Management was formerly part of the Police Department which collects and reports performance data based upon Calendar Year rather than Fiscal Year. The Performance Measurement tables in each cost center therefore reflect Calendar Year information.) In CY 2004, Emergency Management will continue to conduct emergency preparedness tabletop exercises, functional exercises and drills for the 28 County and volunteer agencies that are responsible for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from large-scale emergencies and disasters that impact Fairfax County. In CY 2005, all County and volunteer agencies with duties and responsibilities outlined in the County Emergency Operation Plan will participate in AEOC functional drills designed to familiarize agency representatives with the new AEOC computer hardware, information software and procedures.

Community outreach preparedness presentations and programs will continue to be conducted on a request by request basis. Frequency of request for presentations from the general public and civic groups are normally in direct correlation with heightened terrorist threat and/or potential or recent catastrophic events. It is anticipated that the recent trend of fewer increases in the threat level will lower than number of presentations to 12 in both CY 2004 and CY 2005.